

APPENDIX 1:

EAP DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

I, **Jeremy Blood**, declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 71 of the Regulations and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations;
- ~~I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:~~



Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner:

SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

Name of company:

13 December 2022

Date:

UNDERTAKING BY THE EAP

UNDERTAKING in terms of Appendix 3 (Section 3s) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended):

I, the undersigned, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) responsible for compiling this final ESIA Report, undertake that:

- The information provided herein is correct.
- The comments and inputs received from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) during the draft ESIA Report review and comment period are recorded and included in the final ESIA Report.
- Inputs and recommendations from the specialist assessments have been included in the final ESIA Report, where relevant. All specialist reports are attached as appendices to the final ESIA Report.
- Any information and responses provided to I&APs by the EAP is provided in good faith and accurate at the time of writing.

Signed on **13 December 2022**

For and on behalf of **SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd**



Jeremy Blood Pr.Sci.Nat., Registered EAP (2019/1368)

Project Manager